WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Representative Mike Quigley (IL-05) released the following statement in response to President Obama's support for same-sex marriage:

"On this historic day, I applaud President Obama for demonstrating his commitment to equality for all. His affirmation of support for marriage equality today is incredibly meaningful, and I look forward to another day soon, when all Americans can enjoy the full civil rights guaranteed to each of us. As another great leader once said, 'the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.'"

A member of the Congressional Equality Caucus, Rep. Quigley has made LGBT equality one of his top <u>legislative priorities</u>. Last year he <u>hosted a DOMA field forum</u> to investigate the impacts of the Defense of Marriage Act on individuals and families in Chicago and is a <u>co-sponsor of the Respect for Marriage Act</u>

, which would ensure that all couples are treated fairly under federal law. Rep. Quigley is a co-sponsor of the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act, which would provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees. As Cook County Commissioner, he passed the Domestic Partnership Benefits Ordinance, providing full benefits for domestic partners of county employees.

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